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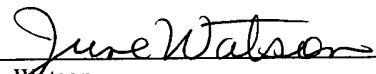
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Applicant: Probst-Kepper et al.
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For: AN ANTIGENIC PEPTIDE ENCODED BY AN ALTERNATIVE OPEN
READING FRAME OF HUMAN MACROPHAGE COLONY-
STIMULATING FACTOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Communication mailed on September 26, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the specification are presented beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.